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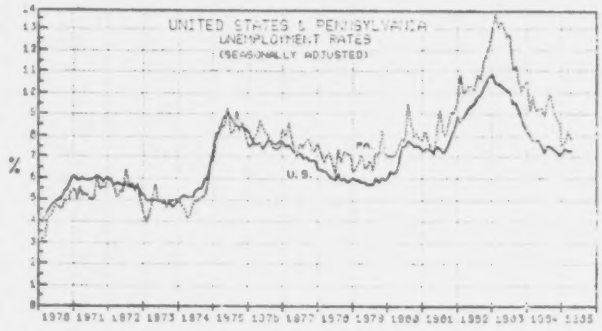
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
All Persons (In Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA*	FEB. 1985	JAN. 1985	FEB. 1984
UNADJUSTED DATA			
Civilian Labor Force	5,384.0	5,414.0	5,343.0
Employment	4,853.0	4,946.0	4,757.0
Unemployment	501.0	468.0	586.0
% Civilian Labor Force	9.3	8.6	11.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA			
Civilian Labor Force	5,470.0	5,500.0	5,426.0
Employment	5,023.0	5,074.0	4,892.0
Unemployment	447.0	426.0	534.0
% Civilian Labor Force	8.2	7.7	9.8



FEBRUARY 1985 SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT UP 131,000 FROM FEBRUARY 1984 - UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS 87,000

Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted employment during February was 5,023,000, a decline of 51,000 from January's figure of 5,074,000, but 131,000 above the year-ago total. Seasonally adjusted unemployment increased to 447,000 in February from the January total of 426,000, a drop of 87,000 from February 1984.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has remained relatively stable since the fall of 1983, fluctuating by 2.3 percentage points during the past 17 months. During 1984, the rate peaked at 9.9 percent in August and fell to 7.6 percent in December, for an annual average of 9.1 percent. In February 1985 Pennsylvania's unemployment rate of 8.2 percent, was down from the year ago rate of 9.8 percent and the third lowest rate in the past 42 months.

The United States seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 7.3 percent in February is nine-tenths of a percentage point below the Pennsylvania rate. Nationally, unemployment decreased by 85,000 since January to total 8,399,000 after seasonal fluctuations were removed. Seasonally adjusted employment throughout the country increased by 294,000 over the January level of 106,391,000.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ROSE 95,100 OVER FEBRUARY 1984 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT UP 14,500 DURING FEBRUARY

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Pennsylvania (which excludes farm workers, the self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households) increased by 95,100 over February 1984 to a level of 4,626,400. The decrease in employment of 900 since last month was expected as employment typically falls in February then picks up as warmer weather arrives. Employment in the nonmanufacturing industries increased by 111,600 jobs during the last twelve months from the February 1984 level of 3,414,000. During the same time, manufacturing employment diminished by 12,300 jobs with durable goods employment down 3,200 and nondurable goods reporting a loss of 9,100 jobs compared with the year-ago figures. Manufacturing industrial employment has been adversely affected by boosts in Foreign imports, particularly in the steel and garment (apparel and textile) industries, during the last year.

NONMANUFACTURING - Total employment in nonmanufacturing increased by 1,300 during the month. Government employment expanded by 14,500 and services industry employment gained 14,200. Employment in state educational institutions increased by 10,600 and educational services (which includes private colleges, libraries, and business schools) grew by 12,800 over January, both due to seasonal fluctuations. Retail trade, which also is subject to seasonal influences, decreased by 19,200 jobs during the month; nevertheless, the 766,600 employed was 21,300 above last year. Employment in transportation, excluding railroads, increased by 1,600 over January while contract construction decreased by 7,600 to the February level of 155,800.

MANUFACTURING - Manufacturing industries total employment decreased by 2,200 jobs during February, continuing a trend of monthly declines since employment peaked in June 1984 at 1,136,300. August 1984 was the only month that recorded an increase over the previous month during this time period. Durable goods industries edged downward by 300 jobs, leaving the employment level at 633,300 in February.

Nondurable goods employment decreased by 1,900 jobs in February to 465,300 compared to 467,200 one month ago. Apparel and other textile products added 700 jobs in February while chemicals and allied products moved up with 500 jobs to total 59,500. Food and kindred products employment dropped during February by 1,400 to 87,800, compared with 89,200 in January.

WEEKLY HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average weekly hours worked in manufacturing industries increased to 39.6 hours after a decline to 39.3 in January. Average hourly earnings and weekly earnings increased by three cents and $4.02, respectively, to $9.49 an hour and $375.80 a week. The largest average weekly gross pay in the durable goods industries surveyed was $601.18 earned by metal forging and stamping workers while the lowest weekly average was $266.17 for household furniture builders. In the nondurable goods industries, comparable figures of $626.22 for petroleum refiners and $183.12 for children's outerwear producers were reported in February.

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In cooperation with the United States Department of Labor

MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL

(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA #	ALL EMPLOYES			NET CHANGE		PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES HOURS AND EARNINGS: GROSS WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1985 1/	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985 1/	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985 1/	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985 1/	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	4,626.4	4,627.3	4,531.3	-0.9	95.1									
TOTAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1,098.6	1,100.8	1,110.9	-2.2	-12.3	$375.80	$371.78	$372.93	39.6	39.3	40.1	$9.49	$9.46	$9.30
TOTAL DURABLE GOODS	633.3	633.6	636.5	-0.3	-3.2	421.83	418.14	429.11	40.6	40.4	41.5	10.39	10.35	10.34
Lumber & wood products	21.6	21.1	20.4	0.5	1.2	285.67	292.08	284.89	38.5	39.1	39.9	7.42	7.47	7.14
Furniture & fixtures	21.0	21.0	19.7	0.0	1.3	308.89	316.41	299.02	39.1	39.7	39.5	7.90	7.97	7.57
Stone, clay & glass products	46.7	47.3	47.2	-0.6	-0.5	416.12	398.78	396.73	41.2	40.2	40.9	10.10	9.92	9.70
Primary metal industries	111.7	111.2	121.5	0.5	-9.8	482.40	469.62	502.65	40.0	39.2	41.1	12.06	11.98	12.23
Fabricated metal products	89.9	90.3	88.4	-0.4	1.5	418.37	417.54	409.64	41.3	41.3	41.8	10.13	10.11	9.80
Machinery, exc. electrical	115.4	115.8	112.7	-0.4	2.7	436.17	436.38	437.14	41.5	41.6	42.4	10.51	10.49	10.31
Electric & electronic equipment	106.8	108.1	105.3	-1.3	1.5	397.80	387.69	391.87	40.8	40.3	41.6	9.75	9.62	9.42
Transportation equipment	63.5	62.8	63.2	0.7	0.3	487.90	499.51	503.63	41.0	41.8	42.5	11.90	11.95	11.85
Instruments & related products	36.7	37.0	37.1	-0.3	-0.4	379.76	367.46	378.29	40.4	39.3	41.8	9.40	9.35	9.05
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	20.0	19.0	21.0	1.0	-1.0	308.63	306.49	350.17	37.5	36.4	41.1	8.23	8.42	8.52
TOTAL NONDURABLE GOODS	465.3	467.2	474.4	-1.9	-9.1	314.39	312.74	300.27	38.2	38.0	38.3	8.23	8.23	7.84
Food & kindred products	87.8	89.2	88.3	-1.4	-0.5	359.45	353.60	341.44	39.5	38.9	38.8	9.10	9.09	8.80
Tobacco manufacturers	2.3	2.4	2.4	-0.1	0.1	229.20	232.80	203.24	38.2	40.0	36.1	6.00	5.82	5.63
Textile mill products	31.7	32.5	34.0	-0.8	-2.3	242.08	240.68	239.47	37.3	37.2	38.5	6.49	6.47	6.22
Apparel & other textile products	108.9	108.2	116.1	0.7	-7.2	198.94	197.15	195.09	34.3	33.7	34.9	5.80	5.85	5.59
Paper & allied products	41.3	41.5	40.9	-0.2	0.4	393.20	395.54	376.51	42.6	42.9	42.4	9.23	9.22	8.88
Printing & publishing	73.1	73.6	71.5	-0.5	1.6	384.67	381.47	374.81	38.2	38.3	38.8	10.07	9.96	9.66
Chemicals & allied products	59.5	59.0	58.7	0.5	0.8	456.29	458.39	444.29	41.9	41.9	41.6	10.89	10.94	10.68
Petroleum & coal products	12.5	12.7	12.8	-0.2	-0.3	567.22	580.80	546.56	43.2	44.0	42.8	13.13	13.20	12.77
Rubber & misc. plastics products	36.7	36.6	36.3	0.1	0.4	351.46	344.79	340.20	41.3	40.9	42.0	8.51	8.43	8.10
Leather & leather products	11.5	11.5	13.4	0.0	-1.9	209.24	203.87	190.82	37.1	36.8	35.6	5.64	5.54	5.36
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3,525.6	3,524.3	3,414.0	1.3	111.6									
Mining	38.3	38.7	37.3	-0.4	1.0									
Contract Construction	155.8	163.4	144.3	-7.6	11.5									
Transportation	141.4	139.8	136.5	1.6	4.9									
Public Utilities	105.4	105.7	103.0	-0.3	2.4									
Communications	53.6	53.8	52.1	-0.2	1.5									
Electric, gas and sanitary service	51.8	51.9	50.9	-0.1	0.9									
Wholesale trade	254.4	255.0	243.3	-0.6	11.1									
Retail trade	766.6	785.8	745.3	-19.2	21.3									
General merchandise stores	120.0	126.3	115.5	-6.3	4.5									
Finance, insurance & real estate	256.3	257.2	246.7	-0.9	9.6									
Banking	83.5	83.3	81.6	0.2	1.9									
Insurance	74.2	74.7	71.7	-0.5	2.5									
Services	1,125.9	1,111.7	1,079.6	14.2	46.3									
Business services	175.1	173.2	156.9	1.9	18.2									
Health services	379.2	378.7	371.6	0.5	7.6									
Hospitals	217.2	217.2	219.2	0.0	-2.0									
Educational service	142.1	129.3	136.8	12.8	5.3									
Government	681.5	667.0	678.0	14.5	3.5									
Federal	134.0	133.7	132.6	0.3	1.4									
State	153.3	142.5	151.0	10.8	2.3									
Local	394.2	390.8	394.4	3.6	-0.2									
Persons in labor-management disputes	2.2	2.2	6.4	0.0	-4.2									

FOOTNOTES.

*Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor management disputes.

#Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included.

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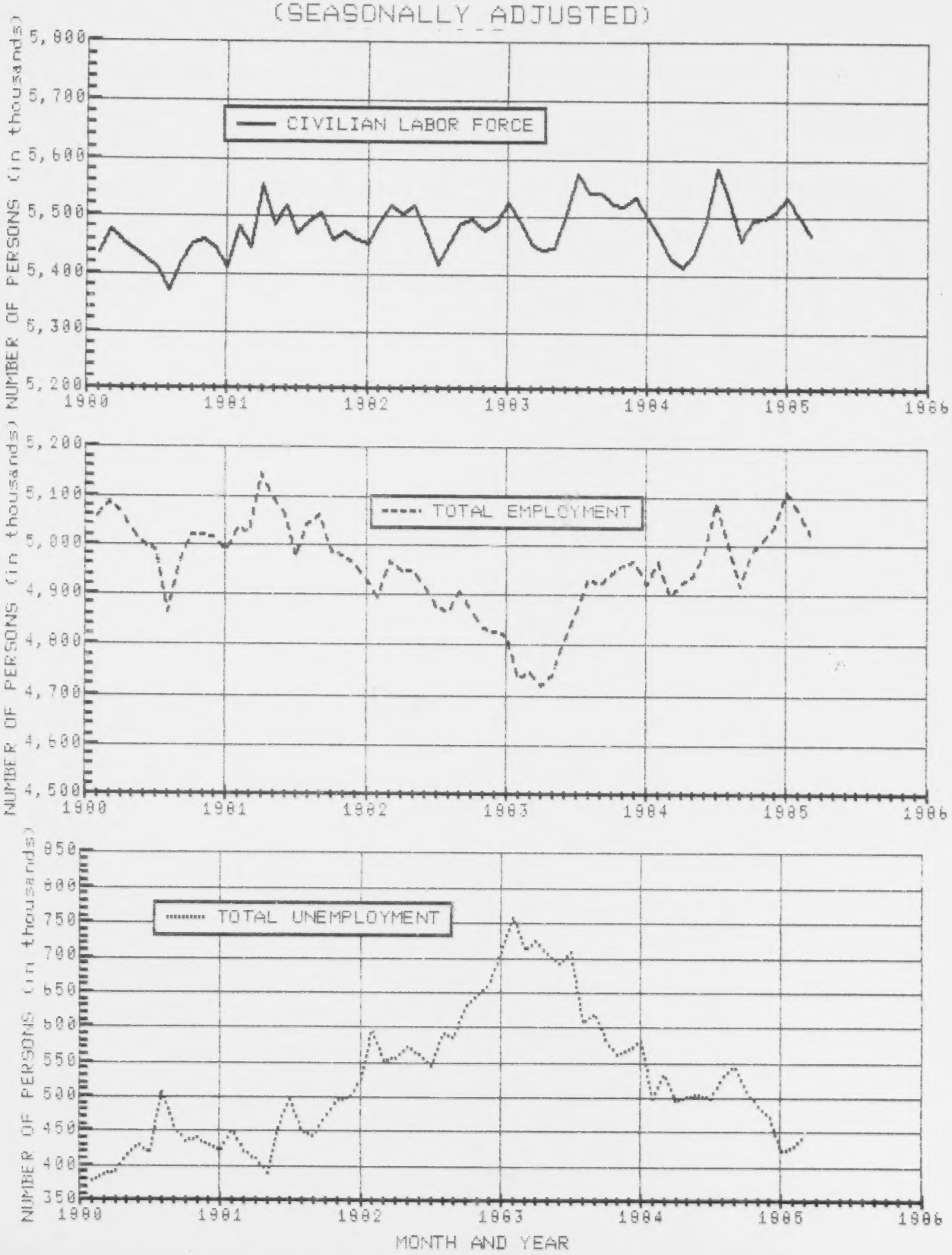

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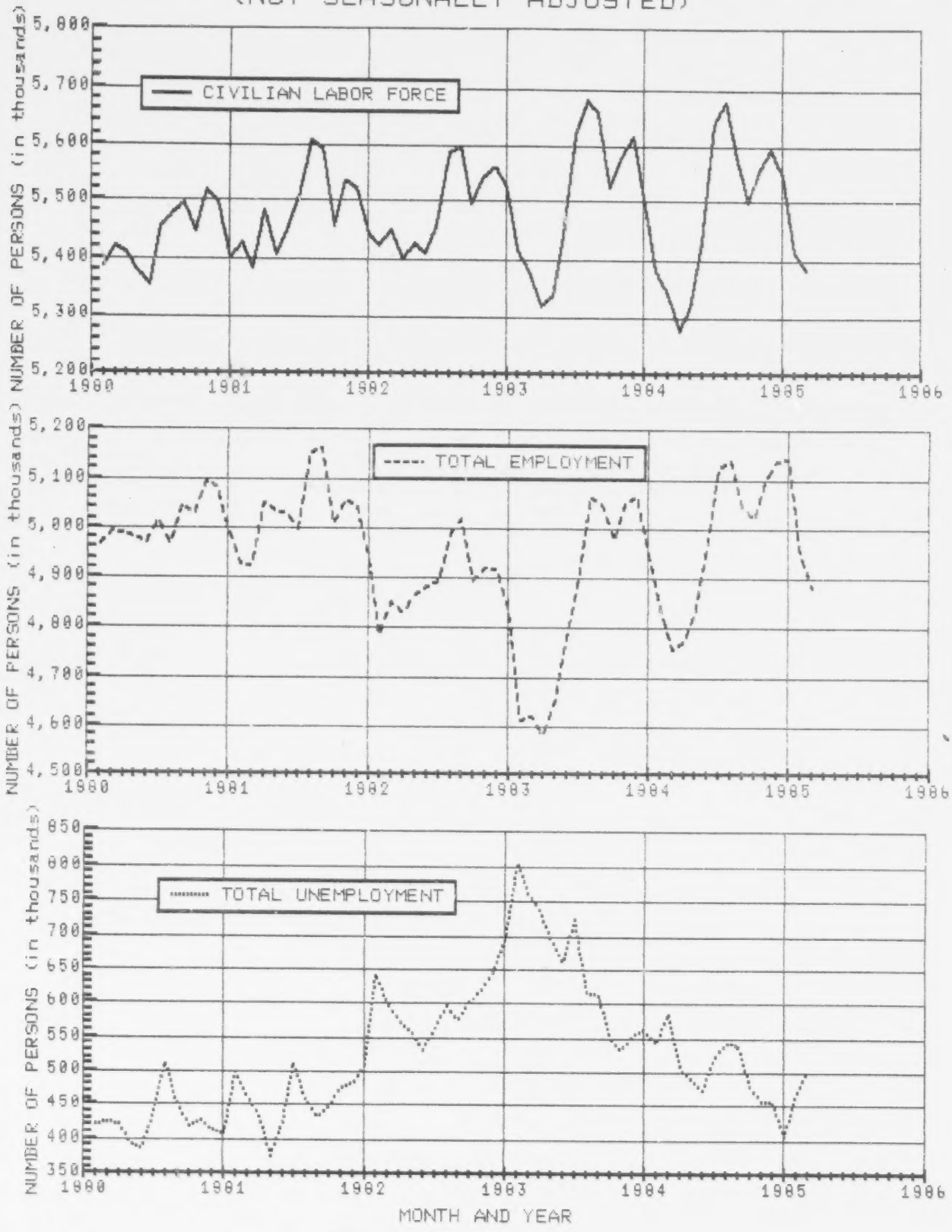

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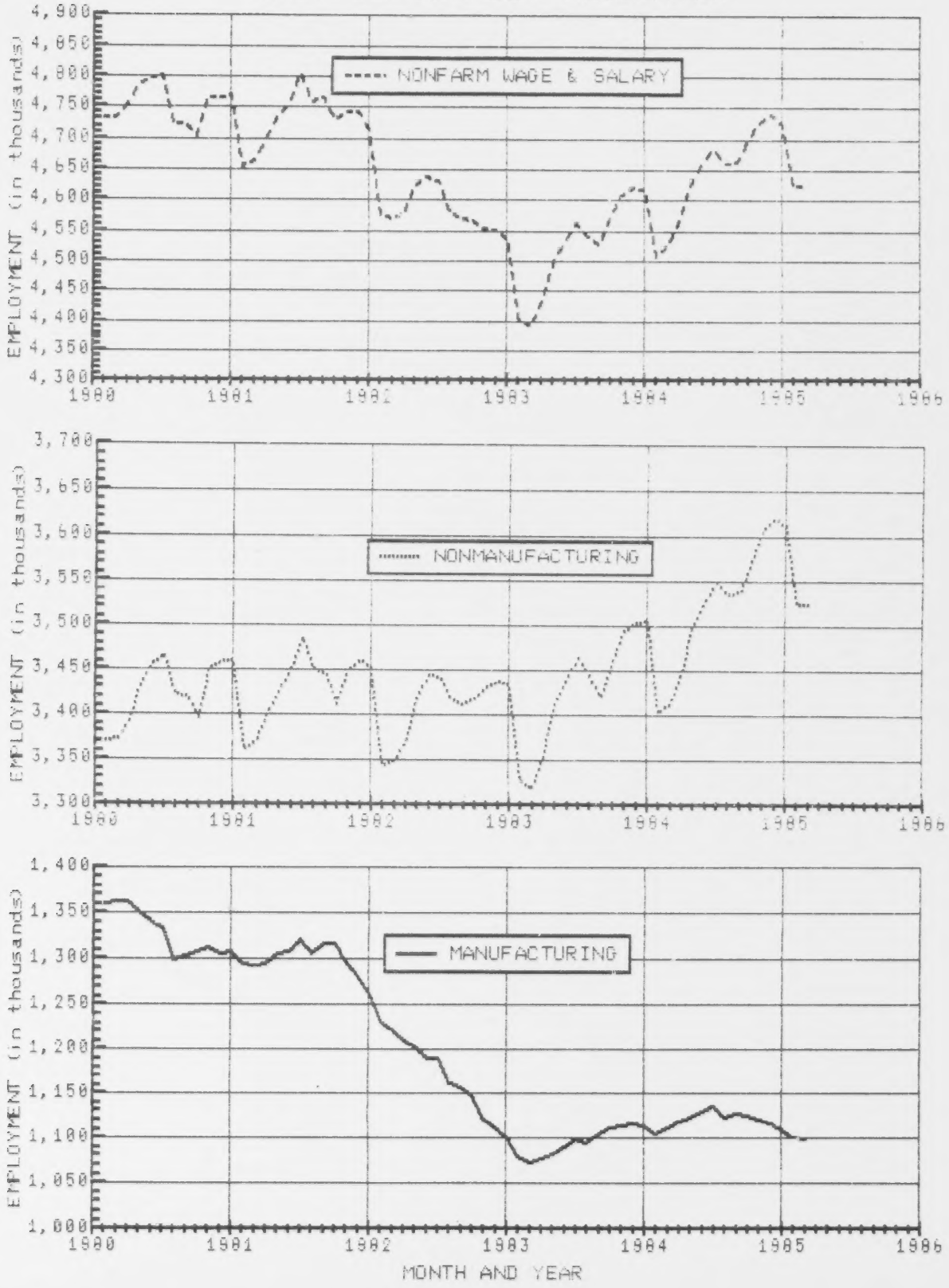

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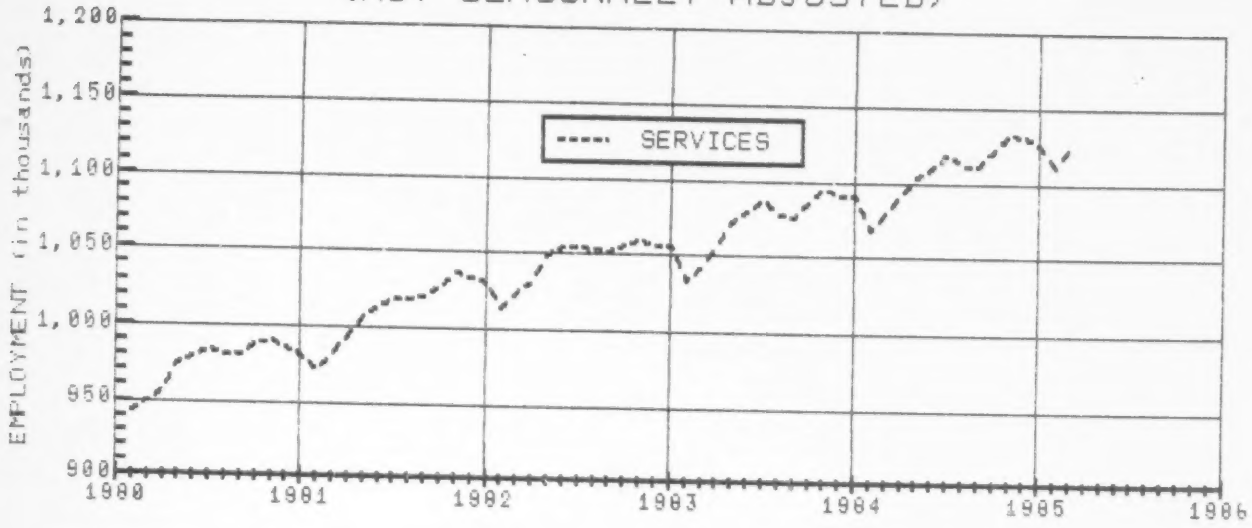

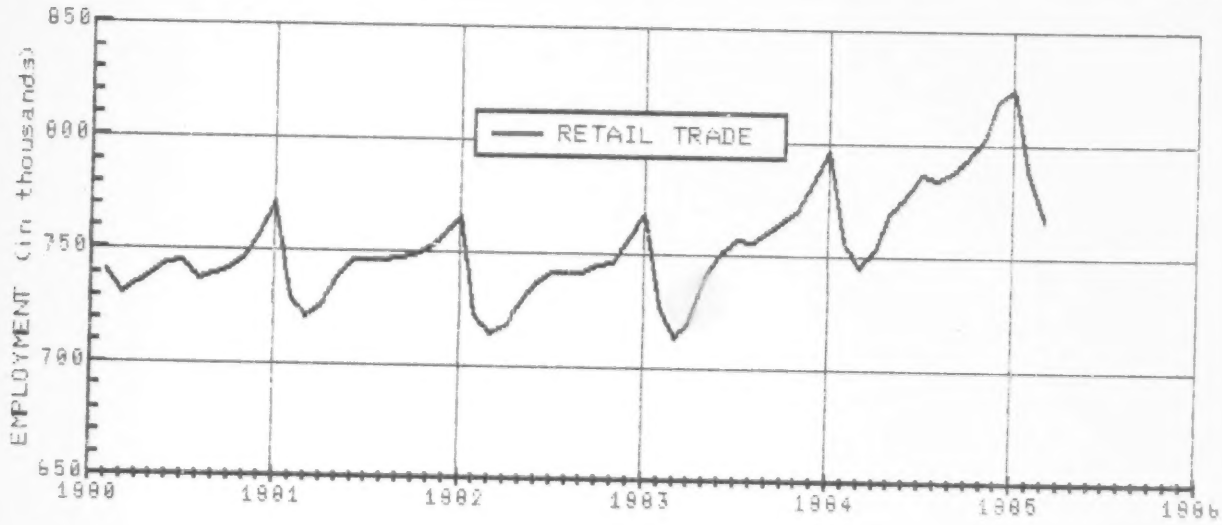

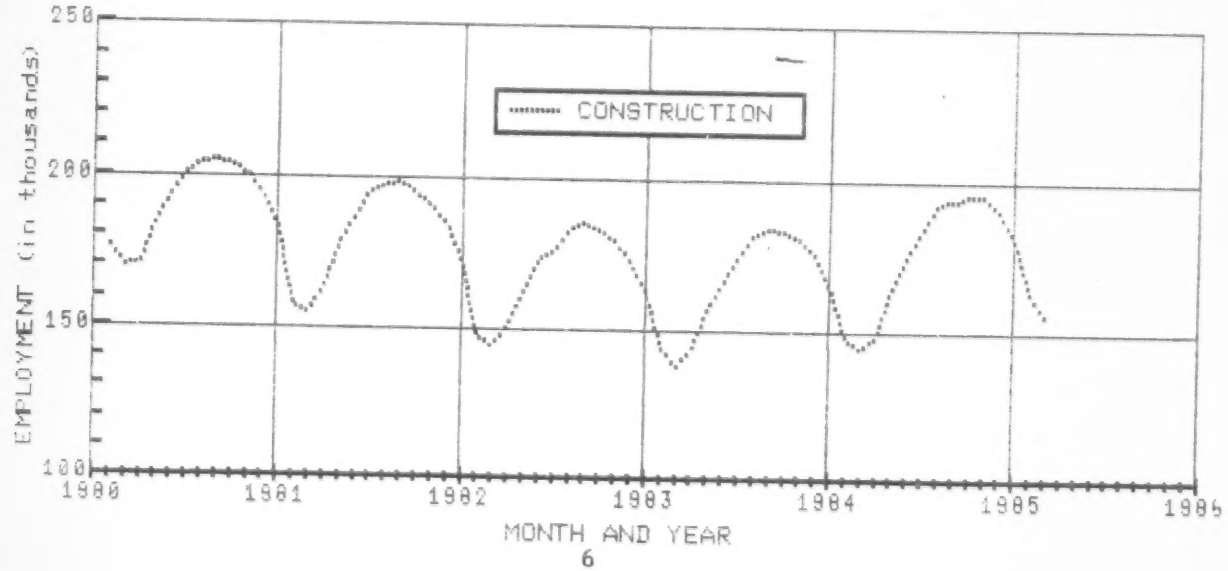

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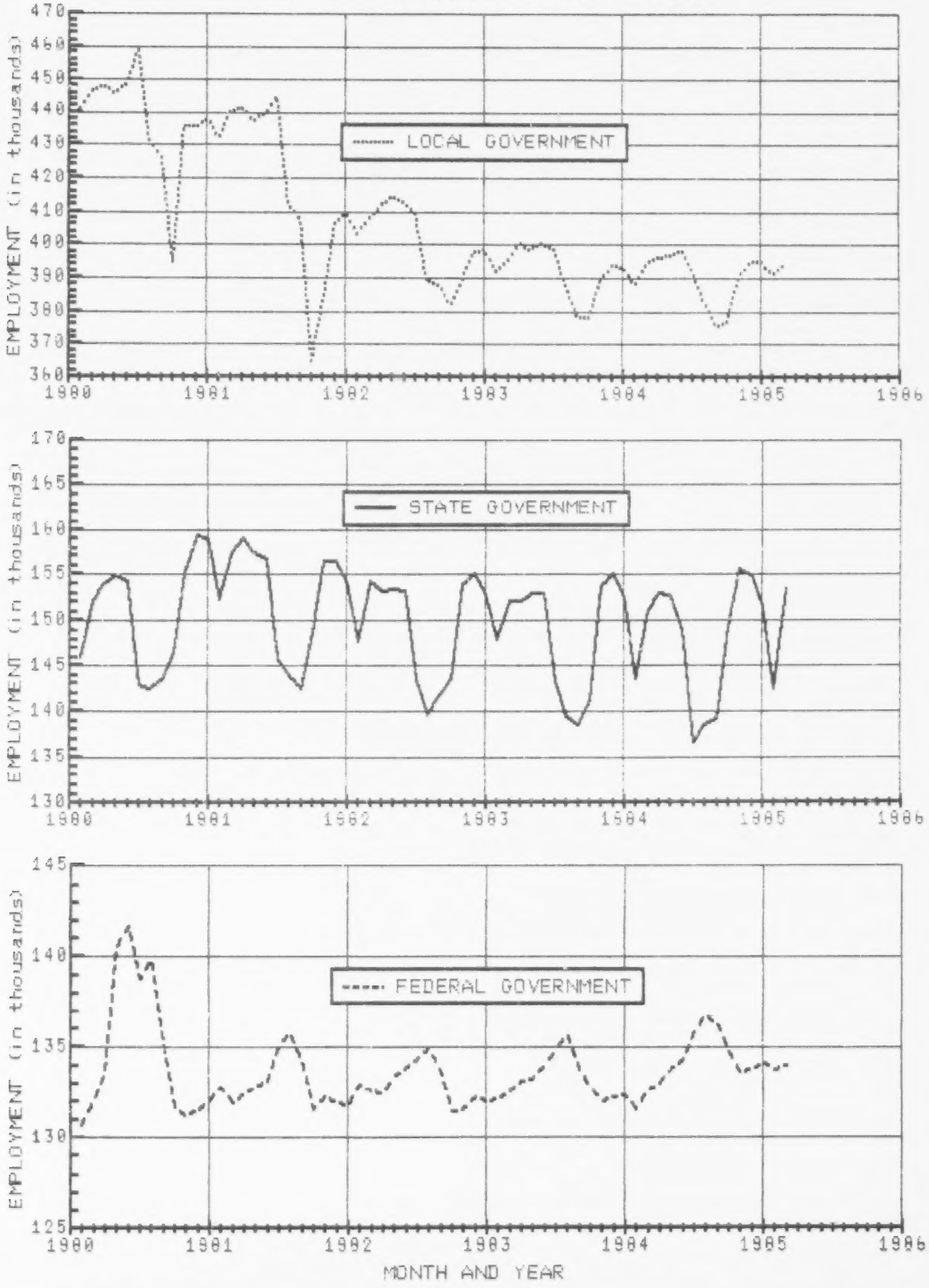

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